



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Peter HUENIKEN et al.) Confirmation No.: 3067
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Application No.: 09/639,083) Group Art Unit: 2839
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Filed: August 16, 2000) Examiner: C. Prasad
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For: Multiple Axis Connection System)

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 (e)

Sir:

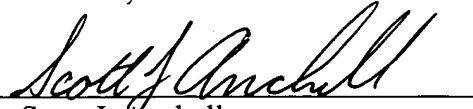
In response to the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Notice of Allowability dated February 12, 2004, and in the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, the following comments are submitted.

Applicants do not believe that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is warranted/proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e) and M.P.E.P 1302.14.

While Applicant believes that the claims are allowable and patentably distinguish over the prior art, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each and every feature is required for patentability. And, Applicants submit that patentability is based on the claimed invention as a whole, and not solely on one or more particular features recited in the allowed claims.

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**TRANSMITTAL OF DRAWING REPLACEMENT
SHEETS TO CORRECT INFORMALITIES**

Sir:

Filed herewith are three (3) replacement sheets of formal patent drawings containing four (4) figures. The drawing corrections proposed with the Request for Reconsideration filed February 11, 2002. It is requested that these drawings be approved and made part of the official record in the above-identified patent application.

It is respectfully submitted that these changes introduce no new matter as it conforms to the specification and/or drawings as originally filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.81(d).

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of these drawings, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-3010. If a fee is required for an extension and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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